# Minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting of the Whanganui Chamber of Commerce and Industry Inc. held at 5.30pm on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at Collegiate Motor Inn, Whanganui.

Present: Mayor Hamish McDouall, Peter Redpath, des Warahi, Bronwyn Paul, Mark Simmons, Helen Craig, Claire Wickham, Lesley Stead, Patrycja Bonkowska, Michelle Smith, Sarah Bennett, Glen Connelly, Josh Chandulal-MacKay, Bernadine Bourke, Stuart Hylton, Raewyn Overton-Stuart, Anita Smart, Sue Stuart, Joamari van der Walt, Glenda Brown, Craig McKinnon, Natalie Sara, Rory Smith, Neil Jones, Jenny Harrison, James Baron, Stuart Paulin, Vijeshwar Prasad, Murray Woodhouse, Mark Ward, Rhonda Morris, Tim Easton, Colleen Sheldon, Hannah Kelly, Bryce Esquilant, Judith Esquilant, Niki Vernon, Jenny Duncan, Karon Greenough, Derek McInnes, Tawhiri Pohio.

**Apologies:** Hayden Loader, Kate Joblin, Mayor Andy Watson, Peter Beggs, Myles Fothergill, Warren Ruscoe, Dave Nicholls, Brendon Bartley, Kathy Cunningham, Tony Stuart, Mark Daniels.

## **Opening Karakia:**

Welcome to those attending

# Minutes of the Previous Annual General Meeting (8th November 2018)

That these minutes be accepted as a true and correct record.

Moved: Glenda Brown Seconded: Rory Smith

Matters Arising: Nil

## **Combined Chief Executive & Presidents Report.**

Taken as read, highlights including;

- Thanks to Raewyn & Marianne on their hard work and dedication in developing the Chamber to where it is.
- Acknowledgement of departing board members Melita Farley, Pahia Turia, Chris Macbeth, Dean Martin.
- Thanks to Anita Smart & Sue Stuart.
- Thanks to the board members.
- This year ahead there will be a focus on building on the good to become great.

That this report be accepted.

Moved: Glenda Brown Seconded: Natalie Sara

#### **Election of Officers**

The following board members in their second year (of a two-year term) as board member: Brendon Bartley, Raewyn Overton-Stuart, Rory Smith.

The following board members are standing for another two-year term:

Claire Wickham, Glenda Brown, Craig McKinnon.

Co-opted board members who are standing:

Stuart Hylton, Joamari van der Walt, Natalie Sara.

President, Vice & Treasurer to be elected at the first board meeting.

Moved that they are all accepted.

Moved: Helen Craig Seconded: Jenny Duncan

## **Financial Report**

The Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 31 July 2019 were presented by Craig McKinnon and adopted;

- Profit of just under \$18K net, this is due to the bi-annual Business Awards.
- This coming year, the chamber will need to pursue other avenues of revenue.
- Establish value proposition to increase member numbers.
- Overall a very healthy balance sheet.
- Under resourced this last year with a view to changing this year.
- Thanks to Spooner Hood & Redpath for the review.
- Question regarding the deficit every second year recent survey results will be used to make decisions around other revenue.
- Change consulting to contracting for better clarity.
- Membership is too cheap for big corporates e.g. council.

Moved: Craig McKinnon Seconded: Stuart Hylton

## **Appointment of Auditor**

Spooner Hood & Redpath was appointed reviewer for the year ended 31 July 2020 at a remuneration to be agreed.

Moved: Glenda Brown Seconded: Natalie Sara

### **General Business**

Review of the Constitution to bring it into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Joamari van der Walt presented the changes:

- Purpose, Vision, Values.
- President to Chair.
- Maximum number of board of directors to change from 13 to 10 people.
- Chief Executive job description.
- Co-opted board members.

Moved: Joamari van der Walt Seconded: Claire Wickham

Discussion held around the following:

- Direction of the Chamber's events.
- Strategy Planning to increase value for members; member to member benefits, networking, continuing with breakfasts and BA5s.
- Connecting with the data sourced from recent survey of members.

Meeting Closed: 6:10pm